

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, February 9, 1993

Brian Dickson

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Mr. Treasurer -

It is my great privilege to present to you the Right Honourable Brian Dickson and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

As Chief Justice of Canada at a critical and exciting time in the development of the law, he brought a keen and incisive intellect to the crafting of judgements which gave substance and life to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, decisions which illuminated and defined the delicate balance and tension between the rights of the individual and the needs of the state in a free and democratic society.

A distinguished Canadian, his constructive leadership, balanced judgment and intellectual prowess have been applied to the benefit of Canada and its citizens as a soldier, lawyer, professor and judge in a career spanning five decades. I ask you, therefore, sir to exercise the authority vested in you by Convocation and to confer upon the Right Honourable Brian Dickson the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.